

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Environmental Authority
Held on Monday 21st October 2019 via Electronic Mail**

RESPONDENTS: Mrs. Winnifred Fostine-DeSilva, Chair
Dr. Nick Bates, Member
Mrs. Susan Armstrong, Member
Mr. Eugene Saunders, Member
Mr. Jonathan Starling, Member

NO RESPONSE:

Mrs. Sarah Haycock Tafur, Deputy Chair
Ms Lynesha Lightbourne, Member

In order to ensure that the demand for roofing slate following Hurricane Humberto is matched with the supply from licenced slate cutters Government is working to expedite the applications for new slate cutters. This email meeting was set to approve a new application for an operating licence for slate cutter and to address some routine renewals of water rights.

1. OL-1060 Mr Anthony Burgess of ACB Construction. Slate Cutter Operating Licence for use at sites that have a Quarrying Permit and are approved by the Department of Planning.

Background: Mr Burgess has not held an operating licence for a slate cutting since the Authority granted approval in 2014 for a 30 day period only. The site in question in 2014 was 15 Farmer's Lane, Warwick (off Burnt House Hill) and had generated a number of complaints from neighbours which led to an Emission Control Order being issued. Operations were stopped until the process could be controlled with an operating licence and quarrying permit. Once Mr Burgess achieved a quarrying permit from the Dept of Planning the Authority considered the objections and rebuttal and issued an operating licence for a 30-day period with strict conditions designed to address the dust affecting neighbours. The conditions required; (i) a geotextile tent to limit both engine exhaust and dust being blown from the site, (ii) reduced operating hours and (iii) a limit of 30-days, which was aligned to an expedited period of time required to excavate up to the full limits provided in the Quarrying Permit. Mr Burgess now has a new company name, ACB Construction, and is fully aware of the required processes and consequences of not following them.

New Application: The proposed site that will have slate cut is Lot 1 & 2 of Wreck Road, Sandys as approved by the Department of Planning once a Quarrying Permit has been issued. This also applied to other sites where the Department of Planning has issued a 'Quarrying Permit'.

Noise estimate: DENR will assess the noise at the nearest neighbours for each new location that the slate cutting has an approved quarrying permit. For daytime operation the noise shall be no greater than the WHO daytime guideline value of 55 dBA. DENR will work with the slate cutter to identify the ideal location of the slate cutting machine either behind foliage, or a stockpile of material or an escarpment as the grade is lowered in order to reduce the noise level at the property to the south to below 55 dBA. It is also noted that the back page of the conditions has a notice for the complaints procedure for neighbours. The licence requires that this should be properly displayed by the licensee on the entrance to the property (See attached standard conditions).

Decision: The Environmental Authority **APPROVED** the application for an operating licence (OL-1060) for the slate cutting operating at sites that have a Quarrying Permit and are approved by the Department of Planning.

2. Water Right Renewals provided on a printed sheet.

All Water Right reissues were **APPROVED** by the Environmental Authority.


CHAIRMAN


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